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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DR. R. SKOOG,  
INTERIOR, TO DR. YU, KAZAKOV, HYDROMET, WITH COPY TO DR. V.  
DENISOV, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

1. DEAR DR. KAZAKOV: UNDER ACTIVITY A-1 (02.05-210101  
ECOSYSTEM PRODUCTIVITY AND FUNCTION) THE USA SIDE IS  
SENDING A TWO-MAN DELEGATION TO MAGADAN DURING THE PERIOD  
5-19 AUGUST 1976. WE STATED TO YOU EARLIER THAT THE  
DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF DRS. SLAUGHTER AND SANTEFORD,  
BUT NOW WE ARE REQUESTING A CHANGE. DR. SANTEFORD CANNOT  
COME TO THE USSR, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM  
MICHAEL A. BILELLO, WHO IS A CLIMATOLOGIST WITH THE COLD  
REGIONS RESEARCH LABORATORY OF THE U.S. ARMY AT HANOVER,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE. HE IS A SPECIALIST IN "SNOW AND ICE"  
HYDROLOGY, AND IN THE HYDROLOGICAL FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH  
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SEASONAL FREEZING AND THAWING. HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUES NO

DOUBT ARE AWARE OF HIS WORK THROUGH HIS MANY PUBLICATIONS.

2. IF HE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE, WE WILL NEED A

VISA CLEARANCE FOR HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE WASHINGTON SOVIET EMBASSY. BILELLO ALREADY HAS LAID PLANS TO ATTEND THE GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS IN LENINGRAD THIS MONTH, AND HAS BEEN ISSUED A VISA FOR THIS TRIP WHICH EXPIRES ON 3 AUGUST. HE WILL NEED NOW A VISA FOR THE PERIOD 3-19 AUGUST 1976, TO COVER VISITS IN MOSCOW, MAGADAN, AND Khabarovsk. HE WOULD LEAVE THE USSR WITH SLAUGHTER ON 19 AUGUST 1976 FROM Khabarovsk VIA JAPAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 994, AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.

3. THE EXPERTISE OF SLAUGHTER AND BILELLO RELATE PRIMARILY TO PRECIPITATION AND "RUN-OFF" HYDROLOGY IN NORTHERN AREAS. PERHAPS YOU MAY WISH TO ADVISE YOUR SPECIALISTS IN MAGADAN, IN CASE THIS RESEARCH AREA IS DIFFERENT FROM THE INTERESTS OF THOSE SCHEDULED TO HOST THE USA DELEGATION. I REGRET THIS LAST-MINUTE CHANGE, AND HOPE IT DOES NOT INCONVENIENCE YOU. SINCERELY  
DR. RONALD SKOOG, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. KISSINGER

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